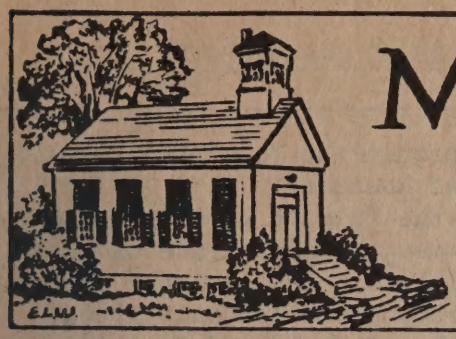

# MONTEREY NEWS

August 1981

GROUP SEEKS NUKE WASTE PROTECTION

A group of concerned residents of Monterey filled the meeting room of the Selectmen on Monday night, July 27th, to warn town leaders about the possibility of a nuclear waste disposal site being contemplated by the state, conceivably in the Berkshires. The group brought a letter with them slated for distribution to town officials around the Berkshires. The letter warned that Governor King at the Northeast Governor's Conference, called for joining with Massachusetts to establish a regional facility for nuclear waste disposal. King indicated that the site should be in a low-population, agricultural-residential area, a description which fits Berkshire County according to the group. The letter went on to say that House Bill 6877, now in the House Ways and Means Committee empowers the state to establish a nuclear disposal site on state land as well as empowering the state to take by eminent domain, private land for the purpose. Should the bill pass it would override any town by-laws prohibiting nuclear waste disposal which are established after its passing. The group urged the Monterey Selectmen to underwrite such a by-law before the bill comes to the floor of the House, which could take place as early as August. To be legal, a town by-law must be approved by the state's attorney as well as be voted on by townspeople, presumably at a Special Town Meeting. Such a Special Town Meeting must be posted for three weeks in the local papers before the meeting, and therefore the group felt that procedures must begin immediately.

The Monterey Selectmen unanimously drafted and signed the following letter which will be sent with the letter brought by the group to town officials around the Berkshires:

"In order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, no land within this municipality may be used for disposal, burial or incineration of nuclear waste, inclusive but not limited to the following specific types of such waste: a) low-level radioactive waste; b) transuranic waste; c) high-level radioactive waste.

"This regulation is adopted by the Monterey Board of Health as an emergency regulation, effective immediately. Voted unanimously."

MONTEREY PLANNING BOARD PLANS HEARING ON NUCLEAR DISPOSAL AMENDMENT

The Monterey Planning Board is having a public hearing to inform the townspeople about a proposed amendment to the by-laws regarding nuclear waste disposal. The meeting will take place on Friday, August 21st, at 7:30 p.m., at the meeting room on the second floor of the schoolhouse on Route 23. The proposed amendment would be added to Section VI: "D. Radioactive waste disposal. No land within any use district within the Town of Monterey may be used for the collection, treatment, storage, burial, incineration or disposal of radioactive waste including but not limited to waste classified as low-level radioactive waste."

This amendment is recommended as a second way to protect Monterey against any state action aimed at siting a nuclear disposal center in the town.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION HOLDS HEARING

In an effort to protect the future water quality of Monterey, the Conservation Commission, chaired by Catherine Mielke of Blue Hill Road, has sent a letter dated August 1st to all town boards calling for cooperation. The letter comes partly as a result of the Commission's concern

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CATHOLIC CHURCHES
Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Mill River
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of the Hills, Monterey
Saturday - 7:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Worship and Regular Meetings

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at the parsonage. Meditation and prayer Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited to join us. Prayer Group Thursdays, 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lucy Smith.

A FOCUS ON MONTEREY
The finance committee planned its program this year around a small booklet entitled A Focus on Monterey. The focus is regarding the relationship of the Monterey Church and the larger community. Early reports from the committee indicate a good response by both community and church members to the appeal.

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP
The ecumenical worship on the I Love Monterey Day weekend was one of the most enthusiastically received events of this kind in recent memory. The worship continued the peace emphasis of the weekend. The choir was composed of a wide variety of community members. The scriptures were read by different representatives of the various faiths.

JULY COMMUNITY DINNER SHOWS ANTI-WAR FILM
The film, "There Are No Winners" was shown to about 30 people after Monterey's monthly community dinner Wednesday night, July 29th. The film stressed the folly of the nuclear arms race and included something of an apology from one of the scientists who worked on the atom bomb which was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II. The wisdom of the "man on the Street" - and the woman - regarding the disastrous results of continuing the arms race was contrasted with the attitude of government people who felt that we must keep up with the Russians.
The showing of the film is part of Monterey's effort this summer to concentrate on peace education and keep an open dialogue among its residents about such issues. It was shown by Mr. Bernard Kleban of Beartown Road in Monterey, a member of the People for Peace group based in Great Barrington, and an active supporter of peace education.

COMMUNITY DINNERS SCHEDULED

The August Community Dinner will be held on August 27th at 6:00. The program will consist of films and a lecture entitled "Patterns of Culture in the New Guinea Highlands" by Dr. Karl Heider, Chairman and Professor of Anthropology at the University of South Carolina.

Arrangements are under way to bring a group of foreign "exchange" students to the Monterey Church for the Community Dinner at the end of September. They are from the Thorez Institute of Foreign Languages in Moscow, here studying English, American History, etc., in a program sponsored for the past several years by the United States State Department. (An equal number of American students are sent to the U.S.S.R. each year.) In a similar lively program two years ago in Monterey the students and some of their professors spoke of their families, the towns and villages of their homes, and their hopes and aspirations, and all answered questions from the audience.

Every power a human gains increases the possibility for creation or destruction. In the Genesis story of creation the drama focused around the fact that Adam and Eve ate fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This knowledge was power. The capacity to know and do good was given but the drama presents our early ancestors as getting into mischief by this new power. Or is the story really about the whole human family?

The adolescent becomes powerfully engaged with the new power that sex brings into life. The teenager feels a force of evil in sex - whether the sex is in imagination or in practice. That teenager properly perceives that this new-found power is capable of loosing havoc into life. Once sex is incorporated as a normal power of life the aura of danger surrounding it subsides in the person's consciousness. It is much less likely to be used in a destructive way.

Consider another power. Man learns to split the atom. What is the very first thing he does with this new power? He blows up two of the large and populous cities of the earth.

What am I suggesting by this line of reasoning? Quite simply this - that evil arises as an acute issue precisely in the areas in which we are acquiring new powers. Power of any kind contains within it increased possibilities for either creation or destruction. Yet our perceived, and yes, our actual encounter with evil is often found right at the very intersection where we are learning to use new powers.

The story of human life, is it not, is the drama of continually opening and unfolding powers. In a strange way, then, this is putting us into ever new possibilities for the exercise of evil. Ah yes, but it is just as truly putting us into contact with new possibilities for good.

This process fascinates me. In my counseling work I am continually working with people who are hesitating and fearful. They are on the edge of decision and possible action. In some way they dimly perceive new powers latent within their decision and action. What holds them back? I have become quite convinced it is often the fear of evil that will appear if they accept this new power. So they hold back. Though the question is not sharply formed the person is really asking, "If I accept this power, will I use it more to destroy than to create?"

This picture of the way we encounter evil can give us a handle on the way our lives develop. It is on the growing edge of life that we travel the most risky terrain. The familiar paths, the familiar powers hold little fear for us. It is where we are stepping into the unknown that our hand trembles and our heart quakes.

Deep in the vocabulary of religious people is the word "awe". Yet, whether religious or not, all of us know something of the meaning of that word. Awe makes us realize we are in the presence of something much greater than we can grasp or understand.

In the scheme of the universe, as I picture it, God is a way of speaking of power and knowledge beyond our grasp. Parts of the unknowable is being released into our hands. We are given the responsibility for learning to use it wisely. We are in a time in which power is being given into our hands at a dizzying pace.

How about us? What are we doing with the new powers released to us? Are we good enough or wise enough to use these powers for creation or do we show too many signs of adolescence? Are we not in danger of a real binge into evil simply because we are inept - and yes, because we are morally not up to using our new power to create rather than destroy? These are questions that sometimes slip into my reveries.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

GOULD FARM NEWS

The last four weeks have brought pleasure and meaning to us all, especially in the presence of nineteen campers from Atlanta. There were seventeen boys and girls, from 13 to 15 years of age, and two leaders. They have woven themselves into the community in every imaginable way, covering work, play and worship. We hope this is the beginning of a long relationship with Emmaus House, the Episcopal settlement house through which they came and of which they are a part. To date the Farm has received $3,200. in contributions from churches and friends and interested people toward the expense of their transportation and their stay here. The Farm community deeply appreciates this help and the opportunity that we have all shared.

The weekend of August 4th brought an old friend from England, Ellie Jansen, founder and director of the Richmond Fellowship, which now has over 60 units for people with physical and emotional difficulties in Great Britain, Europe, the United States, Australia and New Zealand. Ellie Jansen brought with her her two daughters, 9 and 11 years old, and their companion, Phyllis Fox, and a member of the Richmond Fellowship House staff in London, Barry Shenker. We hope they will soon make us a longer visit. Shakespeare and Co., from the Mount in Lenox, with the Atlanta group especially in mind, came on August 4th and presented "Richard III" on the main house lawn.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE

Members of Monterey Grange #291 recently enjoyed a mystery ride which ended up at Riverton, Conn. Grange members furnished part of the program. A combination food and tag sale was held on the library lawn on July 11th. On July 15th we met for Annual Youth Night. Youth from the area filled the chairs and furnished an enjoyable program. 25-year pens were presented to Marjery and Kelly Janes by Deputy Alicia Brozie. The youth conducted a white elephant sale and a raffle using proceeds for many youth projects. The recent food sale was a huge success and the Grange wishes to thank everyone that helped. The next meeting will be on August 19th. Ethel Warner and committee will be in charge of an Agriculture Program which will include a baking contest of things made with fruit grown in the area.

Mary Wallace, Lecturer

GRAVITY CAR RACE

Preparations are underway for the eighth annual Gravity Car Race, to be held on Sunday, September 6th, under the sponsorship of the Monterey Fire Company. The race is a hill-country soapbox derby run over a half-mile downhill dirt course along Wallace Hall Road in Monterey. It is open to handmade free-wheeling vehicles of any design with a weight limit of 300 lbs. for car and driver. Contenders in past years have included wood framed cars with three and four wheels, and tubular steel three wheelers. There will be cash prizes for the three fastest cars, and this year's first place winner will be presented with a trophy by Harmon Road Hand Woodwork of Monterey and Ace Jointers of New York City.

For those ready at last to back their long words with action, a copy of the race rules can be picked up at Foster's Hardware in Great Barrington and Precision Autocraft in Monterey. If you prefer the safety of a seat on the bank by the final turn, come before noon on Sunday, Labor Day weekend. Food and drink by the Fire Company.

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE

Marion Levine of Route 23 in Monterey has been honored by the Southern Berkshire Chapter of Hadassah with the Henrietta Szold Award, one of the highest honors bestowed by Hadassah. The award is given to a Hadassah member who has contributed the most in effort, personal involvement and accomplishment and carries the name of the founder of Hadassah. Ms. Levine is active in many programs of the group and serves in an official capacity as treasurer.

Dean Amidon has resigned as State Commissioner of Public Works. He found it to be impossible to maintain homes both in Monterey and Wellesley on his commissioner's salary. He has returned to his former post as District Engineer for the State Department of Public Works in Berkshire County.

Daniel Gildesgame, of Main Road, received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in May in the field of developmental psychology. His doctoral dissertation was in the field of children's drawings. He specialized also in learning disabilities.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Little League finished out the season with a 7 and 8 record. Sunday, June 28th, everyone enjoyed a father-son ballgame and the picnic that followed. Mark Candee, Randy Burkholder and Glen Amstead were chosen for the All Star Game with Mike Stevens as an alternate. The game was played in Sheffield on Sunday, July 12th against the Giants of Sheffield, who were the league winners. The boys who have played their last game in Little League are Bruce Amstead, Glen Amstead, Randy Burkholder and Mark Candee. We wish them luck next year in Babe Ruth. Many thanks to the assistance of Bob Stevens, Don Blanchard, the parents and all those who supported Little League.

Leroy Thorpe

PEEWEE'S

They played two games with Mill River and one with Sheffield. All scores were within one point. The players are Paul Bynack, Scott Sheridan, Shelby, Brooke and Kip Loder, Sean Kerwin, Storme Blanchard (visiting from Colorado), Natasha Grotz, John Pizzichemi, Jenny Brown, Peter Briggs, Mark and Nancy Phillips, Bill Thieriot, Tammy Amstead and Joshua Phelps. The team showed great improvement in the basic skills of baseball. Mr. Blanchard greatly appreciated the spirit and cooperation of all the players and for the support of the parents. At the final game, Mr. Blanchard was presented with a baseball signed by all the team members.

BROWNIES

The Brownies of Troop #237 and the Juniors of Troop #466 held their Court of Awards on May 20th in the church basement. The families and the scouts gathered for a covered dish supper beforehand. Rev. Cory Loder, father of a Brownie and a Junior scout, said the blessing. After dinner the Juniors began the festivities with a flag ceremony. The Brownies all received a membership star and a Brownie B patch. The third year Brownies who were flying up, Tammy Amstead, Meghan Bradley, Jenny Brown, Natasha Grotz, Ann Marie Makuc, Nancy Phillips, and Jessica Thorn all received their Brownie wings and Girl Scout pins. The Juniors received their badges and awards and the evening ended with the girls singing taps.

On Memorial Day the Brownies joined other Monterey residents marching in the Memorial Day parade. They carried Brownie flags which they had made themselves.

On May 28th, the Brownies entertained Marta Makuc who will join the troop next year. They all visited Woodburn Farm where they learned about tree planting, maintenance and harvesting from Sheldon Fenn.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group had been trying to find a leader for a while. Finally, they found Ann Williams. With her they started a film. Then she had to move. So Rev. Virgil Brallier took over again. They continued working on the film for 3-4 weeks or more. For the past couple of meetings they've been deciding where they stand.

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 51 ended its season with a guest afternoon at the New Marlborough Central School for the second grade boys. All the boys played field games and enjoyed a snack together. Gold and silver arrows were awarded the bear and wolf dens. The cub scouts will next officially meet in September when school resumes. Both dens also visited Umpachene Falls Park in New Marlborough during May, when they helped to beautify the park by planting perennials. The Rev. Thomas K. Thompson, pastor, United Church of New Marlborough, has been organizing a committee to create a Boy Scout Troop for the towns of New Marlborough and Monterey. Paul Harvey has consented to serve as the scoutmaster, with Harold Stalker as the assistant scoutmaster. Boys aged 10-1/2 to 14 are invited to attend a troop rally to be held at the Sunday School building across from the church in Southfield on August 18th at 6:45 p.m. Maryellen Brown has been representing Monterey at several troop committee meetings. Volunteers are always welcomed.

FIRST ANNUAL KONKA-DANCE!

There will be a Contra Dance beside the Konkapot Saturday, August 29, in Monterey in Greene Park. Music will be by the Konkaplunkers, a band comprising all Monterey musicians. Joe Baker is calling. The dance begins at 8:00. Bring a picnic early. Any local musicians interested in joining the band and anyone needing more information should call 528-9385. Adults $1.00, children 50¢. Raindate - August 30th.

about a subdivision of six lots developed by Nancy Kalodner of Benchmark Realty in Otis of a piece of land on Beartown Mountain Road and Tyringham Road, near the Konkapot River. The letter requests attendance by the town boards at a hearing planned for August 12th dealing with one of "the more difficult lots" of that subdivision. Ms. Mielke states that "As development takes place in Monterey, many areas which were heretofore considered marginal or difficult are being pressed into service to support habitation . . ." and calls for serious consideration of future use of land near "river banks, swamps, areas of aquifers and wetlands in general." Copies of the letter were also sent to Ms. Kalodner, Mr. Tonney Fales, and to Mr. Robert Hoogs of Robert G. Brown and Associates of Lee, the engineers of the development.

FLOOD INSURANCE LIMITS INCREASED FOR MONTEREY

According to Ms. Sally Bell, an attorney in the office of Town Counsel Hugo Cowhig, limits of flood insurance coverage have been recently increased for residents of Monterey. This change, a result of conversion to the Regular Phase of the National Flood Insurance Program, was announced jointly by the Monterey Board of Health and David M. Sparks, Regional Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The expanded flood insurance coverage now available is significant, according to Ms. Bell. For instance, a single family residential structure, which formerly was insurable to $35,000. may now be insured to $185,000. Contents coverage, which is available to both renters and homeowners, has been increased from a previous $10,000. to a present $60,000. Similar increases are also available for non-residential structures as well as their contents. To purchase flood insurance or to increase existing coverage, an individual need only contact any licensed property and casualty insurance agent or broker. Nationally, approximately 17,000 communities are participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. About 1.8 million homeowners, renters, and business owners are protected by over $77 billion worth of flood insurance.

MONTEREY SPEED LIMITS STRICTLY ENFORCED

Speed limits newly posted on Tyringham Road in Monterey, as well as those on Routes 23 and 57, have resulted, since the end of May, in over $1,000. in fines, according to Police Chief Douglas Lyman. The new signs have been posted at the behest of several Monterey residents who felt that the steep hill overlooking Lake Garfield was particularly inviting to speeders.

MONTEREY LANDFILL IN TRANSITION

Monterey's sanitary landfill has come under scrutiny by the state through the Department of Environmental Quality and Engineering (DEQE) Dumping hours have been curtailed to 18 hours a week: Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, pending a special town meeting to be held soon to discuss the financial possibilities of remediating the problems inherent in an open dump. The state mandates that the refuse dumped each day that the dump is open be covered with a specific amount of fill and sand. In addition, the DEQE wants soil investigation in the form of deep test borings to determine any adverse environmental impact from leach and runoff. The engineering firm of Brown & Associates and DEQE's Alan Weinberg have reviewed the site with the Selectmen and submitted a cost estimate of $10,000.
A recycling committee is forming under the voluntary direction of Michelle Miller in an attempt to decrease the accumulation of bottles, cans and newspapers at the dump. She drove a truckload of newspapers to a dealer in Chicopee and sold them for 50¢ per 100 pounds.
Residents have been feeling the pinch of the shorter hours, which has resulted in the posting and enforcing of $100 fine for illegal dumping. The choice for Monterey at this point is to adhere to the mandates of the DEQE or the state will close the dump entirely, according to Selectman Stefan Grotz.

MONTEREY ENERGY PROJECT AUCTION

The Monterey Energy Project Auction, held under a large tent in Greene Park on July 25th, raised about $1,400. to be put towards many projects including the recycling program for the town's sanitary landfill. The auction was conducted by Monterey's Cheryl Hutto, a professional auctioneer.

PETITION CIRCULATING FOR NEW ZONING BY-LAW

Jean Germain of Lake Garfield in Monterey is spearheading an effort to get into Monterey's by-laws a clause limiting the height and

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floor levels of single family dwellings, particularly in the Lake Shore district around Lake Garfield. She has circulated a petition to this effect and has secured the 45 signatures required. The petition requests that an amendment to the present by-laws be proposed at the next special town meeting.

MONTEREY STORE

The Monterey General Store is open again, continuing a 200-year tradition of serving the needs of the Monterey community. Presently a full line of name brand grocery items, including bread and milk are available seven days a week. An old-fashioned butcher shop and deli are on the drawing board for fall.

Lew and Joyce Scheffey, owners,and Maynard Forbes, manager, hope the continued community support will enable them to serve Monterey for another 200 years.

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Sharon and Will and the Program Committee thank everybody for sharing in the joy of living in Monterey on I LOVE MONTEREY DAY.

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The Monterey News ends in circular file.
In various post offices around the land the Monterey News goes into waste baskets.

WHY?

Somebody moves and they don't let us know here in Monterey. Please!!! Tell us when you are moving.

Tony Reed
Circulation Manager

I LOVE MONTEREY DAY, 1981

It was a day for Monterey to revel in itself for being the special community everyone knows it is. It was also a day to look at the world situation and know that, because of our experience of living in Monterey, the world can also be a better place. On a spiritual level, Monterey seems to have been chosen for a mission: to spread the word about the joys of community life, to help one another, to learn about our similarities and differences. We share in each other's creative gifts and look at the troubled places in the world and know things must change for people who suffer. We work within our community government on a personal level at town meeting and other gatherings and know that people can change their lives in the world. We look at films about the folly of a war mentality and we are inspired to reach out, to have our voices heard, to make a difference.

The day spread itself out for us with everyone helping to make it a success. Will says, "We've become a well-oiled machine". The joy poured out from the program committee as well as the townspeople. The oil was that joy. We want to thank everyone who pitched in and everyone who came to share the special feeling we all have in living in Monterey.

(Anybody out there have a theme for next year??)

Sharon Yusba Steinberg
and The Coordinating Committees

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